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on Cocos Island through the execution of
three different pirate gangs than the entire
output of the Klonike combined. It isn't the right kind
of weather anyhow to operate in Klonike
in winter, and our instruments will be
back from Cocos in time to go there when
the season opens. These instruments have
located numbers of ledges in Eastern Wash-
ington and British Columbia, which are
now being developed into mines.

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many have tried and failed?" There are
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the season opens. These instruments have
located numbers of ledges in Eastern Wash-
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Chili and Argentina

British Foreign Office Willing to
Act if Asked to Arbi-
trate.

And United States Government
Think This Would Be
Satisfactory.

Both Countries However to Dis-
pute Must Be Willing Before
Action Is Taken.

London, Dec. 23.—The British govern-
ment is watching with considerable
anxiety the progress of the dispute be-
tween the Chilean and Argentine Rep-
ublics. A representative of the Asso-
ciated Press was informed today that
neither side has yet approached the
British Foreign office. If both Chili and
Argentina request Great Britain to
arbitrate the matters in dispute between
them, Lord Lansdowne, the foreign
secretary, would promptly acquiesce.

The statement, however, of Dr. Al-
corta, the Argentine minister of foreign
affairs, that Argentina has referred the
matter to the arbitration of the British
government under the agreement of
1893, appears to be inaccurate, for the
Foreign office says the present conten-
tion is quite beyond the powers of that
commission. As the Foreign office un-
derstands the case, it is not one of
boundary between the two countries,
neither Chili nor Argentina has the right
to build roads in the disputed terri-
tory. This commission of which Lord
Macnaghten is president, has been sit-
ting in London for nearly two years,
and is now almost ready to go out and
personally inspect the disputed boundary.
For various reasons, however, the de-
parture of this commission has been de-
layed and is likely to be delayed for
some time to come. The appeal of Dr.
Alcorta has not yet officially been com-
municated to the British Foreign office.
When this appeal does reach Downing
street, it will meet with the foregoing
answer.

Although Lord Lansdowne, the secre-
tary of foreign affairs holds the Mac-
naghten commission to be powerless, he
will intimate the willingness of Great
Britain to arbitrate the difficulty be-
tween the two countries if Chili agrees
to that proposal.

Up to a late hour tonight neither coun-
try concerned had requested Great Brit-
ain to take this action. The opinion in
Downing street is that the entire
of the dispute is petty, serious conse-
quences may ensue unless prompt action
is taken.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Both the
Chilian and the Argentine representa-
tives were at the State Department to-
day, in reference to the controversy. The
United States government is watching
the progress of the negotiations, and
standing ready to aid in a peaceful so-
lution in any way agreeable to both the
parties. The submission to Great Brit-
ain is eagerly satisfactory to the au-
thorities here, and they probably will
assist in having both governments ac-
cede to this manner of solution.

Valparaiso, Dec. 23.—It is re-
ported here that the governments of Ar-
gentina and Chili, have signed a pro-
tocol by which they agree to submit the
dispute to the British minister in the
city of Santiago.

During a conference between Presi-
dent Roca and Sir W. A. Barrington
today, the President of Argentina ex-
plained to the British minister the cir-
cumstances which have led to the pre-
sent difference between Argentina and
Chili. He laid special stress upon the
fact that the Argentine people desire an
amicable settlement of the trouble, as
well as upon the earnestness he asserted
Chili had employed in order to avoid
arriving at such a settlement.

The British minister will send a detailed
report to the home government.

The newspapers here assure their
readers that several powers stand ready
to offer their good offices to mediate the
difficulty, but that Argentina does not
consider the moment has yet arrived
either to accept or to refuse such offers.

The news says a cause belli would
arise if Chili, desiring to render effec-
tive her jurisdiction over the territory
known as Ultima Esperanza, attempted
to drive the Argentine police from this
territory. The patriotic league will de-
mand that the exportation of horses and
mules must be prohibited by President
Roca.

The Chamber of Commerce of Buenos
Ayres has publicly expressed its appre-
hension of the patriotic attitude man-
ifested by Senor Alcorta, the foreign min-
ister.

GERMANY AND VENEZUELA.
Berlin Reticent as to What Action Will
be Taken.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The Foreign office
while reticent as to Germany's specific
plans with regard to Venezuela in the
time of their execution, gives the im-
pression that something will soon be
done. The Foreign office is watching
the progress of the revolution under the
leadership of General Luciano Mendoza.
If anything serious comes of this revo-
lutionary movement, Germany will sus-
pend action in the matter until it is seen
which party the de facto govern-
ment rests.

EXTENSION VOTE.

Result of the Poll Taken on Amalg-
amation.
Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 23.—(Special).—
The vote at Extension on amalgamation
as given in 141 for and 53 against the
scheme. This is said to be entirely in-
dependent of those who voted at the
mass meeting in Nanaimo, those who
voted at that meeting claiming they had
no right to vote a second time.

EIGHT PATIENTS.

Number Laid up with Smallpox in Win-
nipeg Hospital.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—(Special).—
Dr. Woodhouse, in charge of the Winnipeg
isolated hospital, is ill of scarlet fever.
There are now eight patients in the
smallpox hospital. All from outside
points.

Hon. Robert Rogers, of the Provin-
cial Cabinet, denies there is any trouble
in the provincial government on the
prohibition question.

M. C. Kelley, a former Winnipeg
Socialist, is dead at Bangor, Maine, of
typhoid.

GONE TO THE FRONT.

Lieutenant Kirkpatrick Ordered to
South Africa—Mrs. Powell
Not Found.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 23.—(Special).—
Lieut. Guy Kirkpatrick left for South
Africa today having been ordered to
the front.

In spite of rumors to the effect that
Mayor Townley, who is land registrar,
would not run for mayor owing to ob-
jections raised in the Attorney-General's
office, Mr. Townley says he is in the
field to stay.

The strange disappearance of Mrs.
Powell, who left her home three days
ago is still mystifying the police. Since
Thursday 50 men have been searching
the vicinity for the body, believing the
woman murdered. The murder theory
was first entertained by the police. Now
they profess to have no theory.

Toronto Piano Factories Close

Five Hundred Men in the Large
Establishments Out on
Strike.

Recruiting in Montreal Is Lively
—Colonel Montzambert
Seriously Ill.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23.—Nearly 500
men employed in piano, factories in To-
ronto are out on strike today, or locked
out. The Nordheimer factory closed
down this morning, virtually locking
the men out.

The directors of the new Toronto ho-
tel today decided to add two stories to
the building making eight in all. The
addition will bring cost of building up to
a million and a quarter.

Cornwall, Ont., Dec. 23.—Andrew Car-
nezie has promised Cornwall \$7,000 for
a library building. The town agrees to
furnish the site and pay \$700 per year
for maintenance.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—(Special).—
It is announced here that J. D. Flavell,
the famous curling champion, will visit
the Winnipeg Curling Bungalow in February
with a crack rink. It is also hoped that
several visitors will come from Toron-
to.

Dunbar, the champion ship of St.
Paul, has expected here to meet Flavell.
Oil Springs, Ont., Dec. 23.—Walter
and Isaac Kersey and Eddie Mills have
been arrested in connection with the
alleged robbery of their store last Mon-
day morning. It is claimed this store
had been entered by burglars, the safe
blown open and \$1,250 in cash stolen.
Of the \$1,150 belonged to J. McViggar
and had been left with the brothers
for safe keeping.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Recruiting opened
today for the additional men for the
Montreal Rifles. No difficulty was ex-
perienced in securing the desired num-
ber of men of a high standard.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 13.—Colonel Mon-
tambert, D. O. C., is seriously ill.

STILL FIGHTING IN COLOMBIA

Liberals Loot Nombre de Dios
In Absence of Government
Forces.

Colon, Dec. 23.—(Via Galveston).—
During the absence of the government
soldiers, the Liberals returned to Nom-
bre de Dios and looted the commis-
ariat of the Maganese Mining com-
pany, a United States concern. They
also threatened the life of the custodian
of the stores who was forced to sur-
render his keys. The company is pre-
sents a claim to the government for
loss sustained. On the arrival at Nom-
bre de Dios, of the United States gun-
boat Marietta and subsequently when
the Colombian garrison General Pinzon,
with 50 soldiers on board, reached the
same place, the Liberals again disap-
peared. The Pinzon, after landing the
troops at Nombre de Dios proceeded to
Savannah. Captain Folio, who was
commander of the Pinzon and several
of his officers returned to Colon yester-
day on board the Marietta and have
since sailed for San Juan de Porto Rico.

General Alban has received a cable
despatch announcing the evacuation of
Nasau. Some of the revolutionists left
Tununa on board the Salvadoran
steamer Ibis and others left by land,
intending to attack Buena Ventura. A
strong government force has left Buena
Ventura to meet the revolutionists. Gen-
eral Alban says that if the Monroe
doctrine could be made to provide com-
pulsory arbitration in order to settle all
disputes between South American re-
publics and European nations, it would
be accepted with enthusiasm by all
these republics. General Alban also
says President Bolgado of San Salva-
dor has not answered his cable message
regarding the steamer Ibis having as-
sisted the enemies of the Colombian
government.

BOUNDARY MINES.

Granby Smelter Takes Option on a
Group.

Grand Forks, B. C., Dec. 22.—(Spe-
cial).—The Granby company has taken
an option for \$100,000 of the Seattle
group, Robert Clark's well known North
Fork claim. Development work will be
started immediately. About \$5,000 has
probably been expended on the group,
which consists of the following claims,
Seattle, Virginia, City, Butte, Bunker
Hill and Florida.

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The Field Hospital

Establishment of a Company
For South Africa Has Been
Completed.

Recruiting For Addition to
Mounted Rifles Has Com-
menced at Ottawa.

W. T. R. Preston Head of Im-
migration Department in
Great Britain.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 23.—Major H. D.
Johnston, of Charlottetown, gets a cap-
tivity in the Field hospital for South
Africa which is to be officially known
as No. 10 Field Hospital company of
the Canadian Army Medical Corps. Two
lieutenants have been offered to On-
tario men. Director-General Neilson
today completed the establishment of the
company into a war staff and a com-
pounding staff. There will be 11 com-
panyes in all with 28 horses, 17 drivers
will also act as battmen.

The Militia department was advised
today of the death near Bloemfontein,
from fever, of Trooper S. H. Elliott, of
the South African Constabulary. His
father is J. H. Elliott, Porter's Hill,
Ontario.

H. Rowate, of the department of the
interior, has been appointed Dominion
Land recorder for the unorganized
districts of Canada.

Recruiting for two additional com-
panies for the Mounted Rifles com-
menced at Ottawa this morning. There
were over 40 applications for 10 places.
On order-in-council has been passed
appointing W. T. R. Preston inspector
of agencies in Great Britain, to be at
the head of the immigration department
under the general supervision of the
High Commissioner. Mr. Preston and
his staff will give their whole time and
attention to immigration work. The
change takes effect on the 1st of Janu-
ary.

CHIRSTMAS AT GALLIANO.

Successful Annual Christmas Tree and
Concert.

Galliano Isle, Dec. 20.—The annual
Christmas tree entertainment was held
here at the Central school house, on
the evening of the 19th inst., the school
house being very prettily decorated for
the occasion. John H. Ward, a local
chairman. The programme eclipsed all
previous ones, and was performed with
a promptness and decision, seldom found
in children so young. There were 100
of the greater credit "if any can be added,"
to their teacher, Mr. A. B. Wallace,
for the perfect way he has of handling
the little ones. Fully 100 persons were
pleasantly entertained by the youthful
performers and after the programme,
Santa Claus put in his mysterious ap-
pearance, much to the delight of the
little folk, and presented them with
their Christmas toys. After the pre-
sents were distributed, the floor was
cleared, for a dance, which lasted till
nearly daylight.

The programme was as follows:
Singing by the school, "Christmas is
coming"; recitation, "What the Church
Sung About the Night Bonnet," Mildred
Page; recitation, "O Christmas Tree,"
Harry Wright; vocal solo, "Pardon Come Too
Late," Carrie Cullison; recitation, "They
Ask Me Why I Am So Bad," Charlie
Groth; recitation, "O Christmas Tree,"
Oliver Cook; dialogue, "The Midshipman
at Home," singing by the school,
"Johnny Canoe's The Land," recita-
tion, "The Christmas Carol," Mrs.
Gray; duet, organ and violin, Mr. and
Mrs. Wallace; recitation, "Love Your
Neighbor As Yourself," Carrie Cullison;
recitation, "The Christmas Carol," Ma-
tilda Georgeson; song, "God Bless My
Kind Old Mother," dialogue, "Boys
Right," recitation, "Trifles," Ellen
Georgeson; singing by the school, "Ask
the Children," Mildred Page; recita-
tion, "That Beat As One," singing by the
school, "Ring Merry Bells," recitation,
"When Father Shaves," Edward Geor-
ge; recitation, "The Christmas Carol,"
Carrie Cullison; song, "Little Boy Blue,"
recitation, "Bobby's Pocket," Mildred
Page; recitation, "Sign of Iain," Law-
rence Gray; dialogue, "The Seasons";
duet, violin and organ, Mr. and Mrs.
Wallace; recitation, "The British Flag,"
Matilda Georgeson; recitation, "The
Difference," Johnny Page; recitation,
"True Happiness," Charlie Groth; song
by four girls, "Away, Away, Away,"
recitation, "Be Polite," Robbie Wright;
dialogue, "The Yankee's Stratagem,"
singing by the school, "Hear the School
Bell Ring," tableau, "Evening Prayer,"
"God Save the King."

RAILWAY WINS.

Northern Pacific Has the Right to Re-
tire Preferred Stock.

New York, Dec. 23.—Justice Scott, in
the Supreme court today, dissolved the
injunction obtained by Wolff Bros. and
others restraining the Northern Pacific
railway from retiring the preferred stock
of \$75,000,000 on January 1. Justice
Scott says the company had the positive
right, at its option, to retire the pre-
ferred stock at par, and that its di-
rectors were authorized to exercise that op-
tion on behalf of the corporation.

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With the book I will send an order on
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Restorative; and he will let you try it for
a month. If satisfied, the cost is \$5.50. If it
fails, I will pay your druggist myself.
No other physician ever made such an
offer; none ever will. I do it because I
have discovered a remarkable remedy, and
millions need it. I want them to have it.
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inside nerves. It brings back the power
that operates all vital organs; the only
power that can ever make them strong.
I have furnished the remedy to over a half
million people on these terms, and 39 out
of each 40 have paid for it because they
were cured. I will rely on your honesty;
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Won't you write a postal to learn about a
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BOERS HAVE MEASLES.

Some Prisoners of War at Bermuda Suffering From Disease.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 23.—The Boer prisoners of war landed on Hawkins Island have been isolated, as several of them are suffering from a mild form of measles.

EMPEROR WILLIAM.

He Will Visit the King Next Month.

London, Dec. 23.—The world announces the probability of a visit from Emperor William to London on January 20, where he will remain the guest of King Edward until January 24. The purpose of his visit is to attend the memorial service for the late Queen Victoria at Frognor.

FIRE AT LIVERPOOL.

Train on Electric Railway Catches from Fuse Explosion.

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—An explosion in a fuse box set fire to a train on the electric railway at Dingle station today. Several of the railway employees were terribly burned and two were killed. It appears that the burning train entered a tunnel lined with stacks of crooked railroad sleepers. These were also set on fire and the tunnel became a blazing furnace. The fire brigade had the greatest difficulty to extinguish the flames.

FIGHTING IN AFRICA.

Commandant Smith's Commando Defeated—Krieze Killed and Mabon Wounded.

London, Dec. 23.—In the eastern part of the Transvaal, Col. MacKenzie attacked Commandant Smith's force of Boers at Lake Banatzen. On December 20, he killed six and captured 16 of the enemy. Commandant Smith escaped.

A force of Boers, during the night of December 19, attacked the British post at Blandspuit, but were driven off leaving eight men killed, including Commandant Krieze. Field Cornet Mabon, who was wounded and three other wounded men were also left on the field. The British casualties were seven men killed and six officers and 18 men wounded.

NORTHERN SECURITIES CO.

Opinion of the Attorney-General of Washington State.

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 23.—Attorney-General Stratton today handed down an opinion in the Northern Securities case. The situation is briefly summed up and the closing paragraph is as follows: "I am of opinion, from an examination of the authorities, that without further legislative enactment, the state, through its attorney-general, may maintain proceedings in the court to protect its people against trusts and monopolies and unlawful combinations, either under constitutional provisions prohibiting them, or under the common law. While the law is thus clear, the facts which I have been able to gather are so few and the real transaction so little known, that it is not possible for me to say at this time whether the facts exist upon which a suit could be successfully maintained by the state."

FIGHTING REPORTED.

Several Small Engagements With the Boers.

London, Dec. 23.—Lord Kitchener in a despatch from Johannesburg, dated Saturday, December 21, sends news of sharp fighting in the Orange River and Transvaal colonies.

Two hundred mounted infantry, in the neighborhood of Begendryna, were divided into parties and were searching farms when they were attacked by three hundred Boers and 40 armed natives under Commandant Britz. The Boers charged determinedly, overrunning the British. The British casualties were severe, but no details have been reported.

Lord Kitchener also reports that during General Dewet's attack on the British force, commanded by Generals Dartnell and Campbell, at Langberg on December 18, the Boers charged bravely and fought desperately for several hours. Dewet was driven off with the loss of 20 men. There were 12 casualties on the side of the British.

On December 2, M. Botha, with 800 Boers, surprised Colonel Damant's advance guard at Tafelkop, Orange River Colony. The Boers rushed a kopje commanding the main body and the guns, but Colonel Damant rallied his men and drove the Boers from the kopje. The British casualties were heavy. Damant was dangerously wounded, two officers and 20 men were killed and three officers and 17 men were wounded. The Boers left six dead on the field and dispersed. The British pursued the enemy and captured a number of prisoners, including Commandant Krieze. Later the Boers, under a flag of truce, asked permission to remove their dead. They admitted having buried 27 men.

In the fight at Tafelkop, the Boers, dressed as British yeomanry, engaged in a splendid race with the British in the attempt to be first in gaining the crest of the kopje. The Boers gained the summit first and fired on the single troop of Damant's Horse, which took part in the race. These troops took advantage of all the small amount of cover available immediately behind the Boers and fought until all but four of them were killed or wounded. By that time reinforcements of Damant's Horse came up and captured the kopje.

The war office has issued another long despatch received from Lord Kitchener, detailing the murders of natives by the Boers. One case is given of a wagon driver who was captured from a British convoy in the end of 1900 and burned alive.

Local News

Cheap Rates.—The Great Northern railway company has issued advance rates for tourists from Chicago to Victoria. The rate from the City of Chicago to the coast is \$25 and from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, \$25. Tickets will be on sale daily at those rates during March and April.

Burglar at Work.—A thief entered Bittancourt's Old Curiosity shop at the corner of Yates and Blanchard streets on Sunday evening, and cleared out with his wares. He made his way into the shop by wrenching apart the padlock, which was rather weak. His haul was not very valuable, as the stolen watches are not worth more than \$8.

Grand Concert.—At Saanich on Friday, the 27th instant, there will be given a grand concert, tableau and minstrel entertainment, in aid of St. Stephen and Saanich churches. A dance and supper will follow the concert. Trains will leave Hillside station at 7:30. Admission to the hall 50 cents. The programme is a most elaborate one and should attract a large attendance.

Christmas Trains.—On Christmas Day the Street Railway company will give their regular Sunday schedule, except that a half-hour service will be maintained between the city and the coast on all other lines the usual 20-minute service will be given. Cars will leave the Esquimalt terminus and Government street, on the hour and the half hour.

Hunting Accident.—Mr. H. B. Rendell's son Thomas is in the Jubilee hospital as the result of a gunshot wound. He and his brother were out shooting on Port Street and Esquimalt. On their way back to town through Goodfellow's fields the accident occurred. In climbing a fence, the trigger of the gun caught, and a load of shot was discharged into the boy's leg below the knee. The wound is very serious and amputation may be necessary.

Intermediates to Play.

Match to Take Place Tomorrow Morning at Oak Bay.

Oak Bay Park will be the scene of an exciting rugby football match on Christmas morning, when the Victoria Intermediates will play the High School. The Victoria team has three players less than their opponents, and the result was a victory for the High School by one try to nil. Encouraged by this success, the High School boys are confident of winning this time also, but the Intermediates are determined to win the score against them, and as both teams are well matched, a hard game is sure to be witnessed. The teams are as follows:

Victoria Intermediates.—Full back, C. Newcombe; three-quarters, S. Patton, S. Shanks, W. Blackbourne, R. McDonald; half backs, L. Fother, W. Redford; forward, H. Heath, J. Finlayson, S. Gower, T. Clayton, G. Simpson, W. Sweetland, D. Willemar, T. Goldard.

High School.—Full back, Anderson; three-quarters, Allott, Netherby, Peterson, Tait; half backs, Winsby, McInnes; forwards, Levy, H. Marchant (capt.), O'Brien, Wilson, Miller, McCarter, Walker, Rogers.

The players are particularly requested to be on the grounds at 10 o'clock.

HOCKEY MATCH.

High School Girls Defeated by Ladies' Hockey Team.

The Ladies' Hockey team and the High School girls met on the ice at Oak Bay yesterday afternoon, and the ladies won with a score of four goals to two. The High School girls were very brave, but the ladies were too strong for them. The game was a very hard fought one, and the ladies played the Vancouver ladies at the Terminal City next Friday.

BASKETBALL.

Interesting Match at the Victoria Athletic Club Last Evening.

Those who were lucky enough to witness the basketball match between the employees of Turner, Boston & Co., and Lenx & Lohr, at the Victoria Athletic club, last evening, enjoyed one of the best ever played here. After an extremely stubborn contest, Turner, Boston & Co. won with a score of 29 to 17, but it was not until the score was 17 to 17 that the game was called. The score was 17 to 17 at the end of the first half. Lenx & Lohr scored the winning goal. The ball went behind the line, and one of the spectators kicked it into the field of play, when the goal was quickly scored.

At half time the score was 17 to 17 in favor of Turner, Boston & Co. The second half was a very hard fought one, and the ladies played the Vancouver ladies at the Terminal City next Friday.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.

It Will Meet for Business January 9.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—It is understood tonight that the Manitoba legislature will be called together on January 9 for the despatch of business.

PREDICTS ANNEXATION.

Trend of Feeling Among the Americans in Cuba.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 23.—"You will see an inscription on the island of Cuba before a year has passed," said Dr. P. A. Young, who returned tonight from a visit to his brother, Lieut. Lucian Young, who has recently been relieved as captain of the Havana port, but has not yet resigned. Dr. Young says that the thinking class of Cubans are of one opinion and that if the question were submitted to a vote it would be carried. As matters stand, he predicts that the Cubans will prove incapable of self-government, and that their unrestrained prejudices and the ignorance and discontent of a certain class will soon result in uprisings. He says that a number of officers to whom he talked shared this view, that annexation is the only hope of the island.

The Most-Talked-About Food

No other subject concerning home health and economy is receiving so much and deserved attention as the subject of breakfast grain foods. The advent of Malt Breakfast Food (the perfect health food) has brought joy, contentment and health into thousands of homes and is the most-talked-about food in the land. It is spoken of on the street, in our stores, in our colleges, in the best hotels and restaurants and on the great railway lines. Malt Breakfast Food on account of its exquisite, delicious and health-producing virtues, stands far above all competing breakfast foods. It is relished by old and young; even the babies love it and thrive on it. All Grocers.

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TWO CHARGES DISMISSED.

Hearing of the Charges Against Mr. Richard Hall Yesterday.

Two of the three charges laid by P. C. MacGregor against Richard Hall were dismissed by Magistrate Hall in the city police court yesterday. On the third charge, that of assault, the defendant was fined \$75. Had the assault not taken place in the office of the complainant, the magistrate said he would have considered it too trivial to notice. As to the insulting language said to have been used, it was simply part and parcel of the assault. The evidence in support of the application to bind the defendant over to keep the peace was not sufficient. The complainant himself said he did not believe that Mr. Hall intended to attack him, and the evidence of the other witnesses went to show that the alleged threat was a conditional one, the defendant having said that if the complainant continued to spread stories about him, he would "send him to bed off." According to Mr. Frank Richards, who was present, and Mr. MacGregor himself, the assault consisted of a tap on the chest. Mr. Richards said it was not a blow, but a tap, such as he had frequently seen Mr. Hall use to emphasize an argument. The trouble was over reports which Mr. Hall had heard that Mr. MacGregor had spread about him.

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TO THE PUBLIC

All trains on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway will be cancelled on the 25th inst.—Christmas Day.

JOSEPH HUNTER,

General Supt.

16th December, 1901.

Provincial Royal

Jubilee Hospital

Christmas Day

The annual Christmas donations of all kinds will be thankfully received at the Hospital, or if intending donors will kindly send them to Mr. Robert Jenkinson, the house steward, he will send to any address named and gladly take charge of any gifts.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE

I hereby give notice that such of the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria as are entitled to vote on a By-law for raising money upon the credit of the Municipality are requested to attend at the polling place, or places, of the Ward or Wards, of the said Municipality, which they are so entitled to vote, on Monday, the 30th day of December instant, from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., and to record their votes for or against the assent of the "Sewerage Loan By-law, 1901," a copy of which By-law is published in the "Victoria Daily Colonist" and Colonist, which are posted up at the City Hall, at each of the polling places, and in each ward.

And take notice that the said By-law will not be valid or of any effect unless the vote polled in favor thereof be at least three-fifths of the vote polled.

The polling places are: For Central Ward at Room 3; and for South Ward at Room 5, all in the Public Market Building, fronting on Cormorant street.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 14th day of December, 1901.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT, Returning Officer.

DAVID ANDERSON

Take notice that Lot 6 of Blocks 2-3, Section 19, Ross Estate, Victoria, B. C., is to be sold on Saturday, 27th, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., for the sum of \$825 (taxes, interest and costs) due and in arrears, under and by virtue of the powers contained in the Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-law, 1901.

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HOENE—At Revelstoke, on December 17th, the wife of Tom Hoene, of a son.

DAVIS—At Revelstoke, on December 15th, the wife of O. P. Davis, of a son.

O'BRIEN—At Revelstoke, on December 14th, the wife of Mr. M. J. O'Brien, of a son.

TAYLOR—At Bear Creek, on December 17th, the wife of Mr. J. Taylor, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

JOHNSON—McKENN—At Nelson, on December 10th, Archie Mainwaring Johnson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnson, of Victoria, and Miss Mary Fraser McKen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McKen.

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TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH WARD

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I beg to announce myself as a candidate at the ensuing municipal election of aldermen, for the North Ward, and respectfully solicit your support.

GEORGE JEEVES.

December 21st, 1901.

VICTORIA CITY, SOUTH WARD

TO THE ELECTORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I beg to announce myself as a candidate at the ensuing municipal election of aldermen, for the South Ward, and respectfully solicit your support.

THORNTON FELL.

December 17th, 1901.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CENTRAL WARD

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

At the solicitation of a large number of electors, I beg to announce myself a candidate for alderman for Central Ward at the approaching municipal election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence on my behalf.

Yours Respectfully,

THOS. I. WORTHINGTON.

To the Electors of South Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to announce myself a candidate at the forthcoming election of aldermen for the South Ward, and to solicit your vote and influence.

I shall take steps before the election to place my views on municipal matters before you.

G. H. BARNARD.

December 14, 1901.

To the Electors of the Central Ward.

At the request of a number of citizens I have decided to offer myself as a candidate at the ensuing election of aldermen for the Central Ward, and solicit your support.

A. P. LUXTON.

December 14th, 1901.

TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WARD

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself a candidate at the forthcoming election of aldermen for the South Ward, and respectfully solicit the favor of your vote and influence.

F. W. VINCENT.

Victoria, B. C., December 19th, 1901.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH WARD

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I beg to announce myself as a candidate at the ensuing election of aldermen for the Central Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

WM. HUMPHREY.

December 21st, 1901.

NOTICE



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Victims of The Mattheawan

Bodies Found Near Flattery Thought to Be Two of Her Sailors.

Ship C. F. Sargent on Fire at San Francisco—Braemar Reaches Port.

Two bodies have been picked up on the beach to the south of Cape Flattery by Indians, and are believed to be from the lost steamer Mattheawan, which in all probability foundered after leaving the Straits during the terrible gales of December 4. News of the finding of the bodies was brought to Port Townsend by the steamer Alice Gertrude on her arrival from Neah Bay. Parties have left Neah Bay to endeavor to ascertain the identity of the victims, which, according to descriptions given to the Indian agent at Neah Bay by Indians are of white men in fair state of preservation. The shipping men of the coast since the Mattheawan disaster have been complaining of the overloading of the Mattheawan, and the United States lighthouse tender Manzanita has come forward in an interview given at Astoria, where the statement that "the loss of the Mattheawan was not surprising in view of the action of the steamship company in overloading its vessels." This officer characterized the overloading of the Mattheawan, which carried 4,850 tons of coal from Nanaimo, as "one of the greatest outrages ever perpetrated," and commented unfavorably on the fact that the Mattheawan was owned by the company that operated the lost Keewauwan, which foundered in 1894 off the Cape. The regulations against overloading enacted as a result of the loss of the Mattheawan also went out to the American ships, which have no load line, while on British vessels, the load line is determined according to the depth of hold and is higher in winter than in summer.

C. F. SARGENT ON FIRE.

Her Coal Cargo Burning and Ship May Have to Be Scuttled.

The ship C. F. Sargent, which after being buffeted off the Cape put back to Victoria in a leaking condition, and was repaired here in a trouble again. A despatch from San Francisco, dated Sunday afternoon, says that on Sunday afternoon the ship C. F. Sargent, Capt. Melville, lying in the stream, was discovered to be on fire in the coal cargo in the hold, and smoke issuing from the forward hatch. The smoke was seen by officers of the transport Slocum, and they immediately put out the ship. The fire was caused by the Slocum, and the fish commission steamer Abbotson, saw the smoke and sent Ensign Kempff and 12 men over to the Sargent. The fire was extinguished, but the Slocum was damaged, and the fish commission steamer Abbotson, saw the smoke and sent Ensign Kempff and 12 men over to the Sargent. The fire was extinguished, but the Slocum was damaged, and the fish commission steamer Abbotson, saw the smoke and sent Ensign Kempff and 12 men over to the Sargent.

Later in the afternoon the smoke disappeared, but Capt. Melville was of the opinion that the ship would have to be scuttled or taken into shallow water and filled. The Sargent was towed to this port from Victoria with a cargo of 2,400 tons of coal.

BRAEMAR ARRIVES.

Northern Pacific Liner Reaches Port After a Stormy Passage.

Steamer Braemar, of the Northern Pacific line, Capt. Watt, arrived at the Outer wharf yesterday from Yokohama and the usual ports of China and Japan, after a rough passage. She encountered heavy gales for the greater part of the voyage. The steamer brought few passengers, but a heavy cargo of which 120 tons were landed at the Outer wharf, before the steamer proceeded to Tacoma last night. The steamer Oosack, which arrived at Tacoma on Saturday was delayed owing to a breakdown in her engine room. She will come to this port on her outward trip to carry a large consignment of dog salmon for Yokohama.

THE BARK PINMORE.

Court Finds Her Descent Justifiable and Recommends Better Towage.

The court of inquiry held at Portland to enquire into the causes that led to the desertion of the bark Pinmore, has rendered its report, which, in brief, is as follows: That the disaster was caused by the shifting of the sand ballast which is extremely dangerous; that although the abandonment was premature, as the vessel was subsequently saved, Capt. Jamieson was justified; that the vessel was well equipped and manned; that the master is a capable navigator; that the loss of life did not occur through any fault of officers or crew, but if the vessel had been provided with air

tanks there would have been no loss; the conduct of the crew was commendable; that the official log shows that in a lax manner, especially regarding illness, and was contrary to the law; that the master erred in ordering the sailmaker slacken the starboard port before the ship was abandoned; that there are no grounds for dealing with the certificates of the master or officers; that the evidence before the court justifies it in expressing its sense of the necessity for the improvement in the towage and pilotage service on the Columbia river bar, and asks the better marking of the channel to enable vessels to enter by day or night.

Capt. Jamieson and his attorney have gone to Seattle to take proceedings for the possession of the bark, now held for salvage by the Puget Sound Tugboat company, whose tug Tye, picked her up a derelict, for which service the tugboat company claims \$50,000.

MARINE NOTES.

R. M. S. Aorangi is due from Honolulu, Brisbane and Sydney tomorrow. Steamer Amur will sail for Skagway on Thursday. Steamer Tees is due from Naas, Skidegate and Vancouver on Saturday. A ship and a barkentine, both loaded, were reported inbound from Carmanah point yesterday.

The brigantine Cokesley, which is going to the Boko Island treasure, shipped a second mate yesterday in the person of George Powell, one of the surviving officers of the lost steamer Mattheawan. The Boko is loading here.

ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Report of the Committee Appointed to Take a Census.

The committee appointed to tabulate the result of the interdenominational Sunday school census have finished their work and submit the following report. In doing so they wish to express their appreciation of the painstaking and efficient manner in which the volunteer enumerators fulfilled their duties. This is the first time such a census has been taken, and yet the proportion of unsatisfactory returns has been very small.

The census was taken by the committee, and the questions asked are better understood, a greater degree of accuracy may be looked for, but the valuable character of the present undertaking will at once be recognized by all who examine into the statistics which it has secured.

Notes and explanations may help to make the table clearer. Of the returns sent in 55 represented houses from which information could not be obtained owing to the absence of the householder or some similar cause. These are classed under the head "not at home." One hundred and fifty-six represented families, mixed denominations, or whose children from some reason or other attended schools of a different denomination from their parents' church. This in many cases is due to parents moving from one place to another, or to a particular school. One hundred and fifty-seven declined to make satisfactory returns, or professed indifference of all religious bodies. These are roughly tabulated under the head of "nil." The census does not include Victoria West, for which, it is presumed, another three hundred children are to be allowed. There are four Sunday schools in this district.

The returns are as follows:

Households or Individuals Visited	Children Under 18 Years	No. Attending
Methodist	554	994
Anglican	705	1,115
Presbyterian	512	925
Baptist	35	55
Roman Catholic	220	421
Reformed Episcop.	88	169
Congregational	31	56
Christian Brethren	25	50
Jews	26	37
Zionists	10	10
Salvation Army	10	10
Lutherans	14	4
Miscellaneous	23	178
Nil	157	73
Not at home	55	—
Total	2,741	4,440

*Sabbath school.

No school, but children attend other denominations.

It is gratifying to note that nearly as many children are attending Sunday school as are enrolled in the public and High schools of the city. The numbers are: Public schools, 2,650; High schools, 2,650; public schools, 2,679.

The religious bodies contributing enumerators for the census were the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Reformed Episcopal and Congregational, but all denominations will be provided with the information that has been obtained, the cards being delivered to the respective clergy of each.

The committee is as follows: Arthur Beaudais (chairman), W. Marchant, Jessie Colquhoun, William Sowercroft, John Weston and H. J. Knott.

J. N. Paton, Greenwood, is staying at the Victoria.

Mr. Sorby's Proposition

Argument For Stone Bridge at Point Ellice Meets With Favor.

Date of Elections Fixed and Deputy Returning Officers Appointed.

Last night's meeting was the most harmonious and businesslike which has been held for some time. A proposition from Mr. T. C. Sorby, urging the construction of a stone bridge at Point Ellice, secured the attention and sympathy of the council, and they decided to give it careful consideration.

The following communications were received: The Hamilton Bridge company wrote acknowledging receipt of a copy of a resolution of council of bridge.

P. C. Macgregor, asking for the completion of the permanent sidewalk on View street, opposite the Victoria theatre, and containing a nuisance caused by a stable at the same point.

First portion referred to the city engineer, and the latter portion to the sanitary officer.

J. O'Connor complaining of damage done to his lots between Coburg and Niagara streets last April, also at a later date flooding his house, asking for compensation and that the drainage be improved.

Referred to the city engineer and a committee to enquire into the matter. The Mayor appointed Mr. Yates, Kinsman and Cooley as the committee.

T. C. Sorby wrote as follows, urging a stone bridge at Point Ellice: To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the City of Victoria.

Gentlemen,—In reconsidering the question of the bridge across the Victoria Arm at Point Ellice, may I be allowed, as a ratepayer, to again urge the advantages possessed by a stone bridge over any structure that can be erected in iron or steel.

A bridge of this kind, in itself, be considered a permanent structure; it will, during the whole of its lifetime, need repair and maintenance, and will, at a constant charge on the revenues of the city of about \$1200 per annum.

Now, in the case of a stone bridge, we have nearly all the materials at hand, no loss in carriage or duty, and every dollar would be spent in the hands of the ratepayers themselves. The whole of the work could be done by day labor; the hours could be limited to eight hours a day, and the work could be done in the winter months, when the weather is not so hot.

With regard to the cost of the bridge, the Mayor said it was understood that the city was to complete the work on these streets, the tramway company paying the cost of the bridge. The Mayor said the matter had been referred to him and he accepted his full share of responsibility in the matter. It was a work of necessity. The critical condition of the work, considering the temporary character of the colliery and the fact that the city was to complete the work on these streets, the tramway company paying the cost of the bridge.

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Sprague, South Ward; T. C. Sorby, North Ward; and J. Bell, Central Ward, were appointed.

PETITIONS.

A largely signed petition from ratepayers asked that the licence fee for peddlers of vegetables, fish, etc., be raised from \$10 to \$150 per annum, in order to discourage Chinese peddling.

Referred to the Finance committee for report.

From Mr. Stock and others, asking that the expressmen be allowed to return to their old stand.

Ald. Beckwith thought the council should be guided by the engineer's report, at his suggestion it was referred to the engineer for report.

Ald. Kinsman did not see what injury the horses could do by standing on the pavement.

The Finance committee's report recommending payment of accounts aggregating \$2,736.75 was adopted. A later date for the market building, appropriation of \$150 on account of the High school was adopted.

The same committee recommended the payment of \$100 to the British Columbia Mining Record for copies of the Christmas number, if funds are available, which was agreed to.

ELECTIONS.

The date of the annual elections and the polling places were fixed as follows: The date of the elections, on Friday, 14th January, 1932, from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.; in case of an election for aldermen it shall be held on the 16th day of January, 1932, from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., in the public market building, W. W. Northcott is named returning officer.

The polling places for election of school trustees be held on January 16 in the city police court.

Ald. Beckwith asked, on behalf of the School Board, that if there were no polling for mayor the polling for school trustees be held in the market building. He would not press the matter, but would ask that it be reconsidered if it did not interfere with the returning officer's arrangements.

Ald. Brydon asked why the rock crusher was kept at work on Sunday? He felt that the city was setting a bad example in permitting such a desecration of the day, and he hoped it would not occur again.

Ald. Cooley called attention to the bad condition of the roadway on Birdleg Walk and Meade street.

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CASES IN HIGHER COURTS

Number of Applications Disposed of in Chambers Yesterday.

On account of the Christmas vacation commencing today there was a long list of applications to be disposed of in chambers yesterday. Mr. Justice Martin presided and made the following orders:

Troughton v. Russell & Sullivan—Application for judgment against defendant, Sullivan, under order XIV, Cassidy & Davey, agents for W. P. Grant, vs. Atch, appeared for the plaintiff. No one appeared to oppose the application and the order was granted.

Turner v. Owl Mill Hall Co.—A. L. Belyea, K.C., applied for judgment under order XIV, C. H. Barnard asked for an adjournment inasmuch as he was advised by the solicitors for the defendant company that affidavits in opposition to the application had been forwarded from Grand Falls. The matter was adjourned until Friday next.

Bartlett v. Marks—L. Bond, solicitor for the administratrix of the Marks estate, made a number of applications in regard to the estate of Marks, for the plaintiff, objected to same being heard on account of insufficient notice. Adjourned until January 3. J. M. Bradburn, L. Crease and G. H. Barnard appeared on behalf of certain creditors.

Re Green, Worlock & Co Estate—J. H. Lawson, Jr., solicitor for H. M. Cleland, trustee of the said estate, applied by petition for liberty mortgage certain real estate for \$40,000 to pay off the existing incumbrances thereon. L. Crease, on behalf of the proposed mortgagee, raised a point for the consideration of the court as to the power under the act to make the mortgage without the matted stands over until Friday next for further consideration.

Boyle v. V. Y. Trading Co.—Application on behalf of plaintiff for an order transferring the action from the Vancouver to the Victoria court. Order made by consent. M. Griffin for plaintiff, and J. H. Lawson, Jr., for defendant.

Re Walter A. Anderson & Co. Ltd.—M. Griffin, for creditors, Crawford & Stuart, consented to the withdrawal of his client's claims. Order made accordingly. A. D. Crease appeared for the liquidator.

Re William Dickin, deceased—C. O'Brien of Cassidy & Davey applied for letters of administration, which were ordered to issue to the father of deceased.

Re Douglas Estate—Petition by trustees under Trustee's Act for directions. Under the terms of the will the trustees were directed to divide the estate on the heirs attaining their majority. The heirs, however, wish to have the estate divided among themselves without partitioning the tenants in common. His Lordship ordered that it be so conveyed. A. E. McPhillips, K.C., appeared for the heirs, and H. D. Helmecken, K.C., for the trustees.

Collier v. Hibben—Application to amend statement of claim. This application was adjourned to be heard in court with a motion also made by plaintiff. A. I. Laxton for plaintiff, and L. P. Duff for defendant.

The following court motions were disposed of by Mr. Justice Martin yesterday: Garesche v. Bowman—Foreclosure decree was granted on the application of J. M. Bradburn, solicitor for the plaintiff.

Victoria Official Map Act and re R. F. Verrier—On application of J. M. Bradburn, solicitor for the plaintiff, an order was granted allowing an amended map to be registered.

Collier v. Hibben—Applications to amend statement of claim and to restrain defendants from taking an account of the estate of the property. Judgment reserved until Friday next. A. I. Laxton appeared for plaintiff, and L. P. Duff, K.C., for defendant.

Turpel v. Strong—An application by the plaintiff for release from the provincial jail, where he has been confined since November 1, under capias proceedings. An affidavit was filed showing that the defendant had no means of satisfying the judgment, which was entered against him on a writ of habeas corpus. Under cross-examination it appeared, however, that offers had been received for the purchase of a mineral claim of the defendant. At this point the application was adjourned for a further hearing, so that further information might be obtained, the defendant to remain in custody in the meantime. Mr. A. L. Belger, K.C., for the defendant; Mr. J. H. Lawson, Jr., for the plaintiff.

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who owned it was obliged to chloroform the poor little body and put it out of its misery. It is hoped that the knowledge of these facts will help these noble boys to enjoy their Christmas.

The same young "hoodlums" are going about killing robbers, which are just what they are. They are gathering a flock wherever their favorite winter food, the rowan berry, is to be found. The police, and citizens generally, should unite in bringing some of these young scamps to justice.

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SMALLPOX IN THE EAST.

The young girl, whose affliction with
smallpox caused the Rosalie to be sent
to quarantine, was journeying from Tor-
onto, and undoubtedly contracted the
disease there. There is a great deal of
smallpox all over the East, and the
number of cases in Ontario is reckoned
by hundreds. Fortunately it is not a
very severe type. Nevertheless, an ef-
fort must be made to keep it out of
British Columbia.

The Board of Health has lately an-
nounced that there is no smallpox in
the Province, but how long this would be
the case if indiscriminate traveling from On-
tario is permitted, cannot be told. If
the young girl on the Rosalie had come
over the C. P. R., she would have land-
ed in Victoria without question, be-
cause there is no medical inspection of
trains and boats coming from other
places in Canada; yet where one per-
son from Ontario comes into the pro-
vince by way of Seattle, probably a dozen
come by the C. P. R.

Every avenue of ingress in the pro-
vince should be watched just as closely
as that by way of Seattle. We speak
of this matter not because we suppose
the provincial health officers are in any
degree lax in their duty, but only be-
cause it seems timely to direct public
attention to the question.

THE NAVAL RESERVE.

Considerable interest in the Naval Re-
serve is developing among the seafaring
men, and there is hardly a doubt that if
the Dominion Government takes the
matter up, strong and efficient officers
can be got together in British Columbia.

No doubt the rate of pay allowed to
reserve men in the United Kingdom
would not be sufficient to tempt any of
our sailors or seamen to join the re-
serve, and this, not because they are
lacking in patriotism, but because, when
they are given to understand that they
will be paid for their services, the
amount which they are to get should
bear a reasonable relation to the rate of
pay on ships and sealers. The idea
that has been most discussed is that the
Imperial Government shall pay the re-
serve men and the Dominion Govern-
ment shall supplement the amount. But
it is a question worth considering if
the time has not come when Canada should
assume the whole responsibility of main-
taining a naval reserve. Tax payers
raise no objections to paying for the
militia, and one or two occasions have
arisen when the maintenance of the
force was more than justified. As yet
nothing has happened to make us feel
the necessity of a domestic naval force,
but it would be very unwise to assume
that nothing of that nature will occur.
The Royal Navy is designed in case of
war and operates anywhere that its
presence is called for. The object of the
Naval Reserve in the United Kingdom is
to provide a coast guard that can man
the ships which are retained at home.
It is for this purpose that the reserve in
this province would be designed.

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familiar with the conditions of the Navy
that there is not a large force of men
who can be drawn upon in case of hos-
tilities. Any landsman can, with a few
drills, be made fairly competent for
work in the field. The new system of
fighting on land does not call for highly
drilled men, but rather for those who
are resourceful and not tied down by
preconceived notions as to how men
should fight. It is different at sea. To
man a ship with a lot of landsmen and
send them out against the enemy
would be to invite defeat. At present
there is no reserve force in this pro-
vince from which men can be drawn, even
to make up deficiencies in the crews of
the ships on the station, much less to as-
sume the responsibility of coast de-
fence, and yet it is apparent that during
the next quarter of a century the com-
mercial importance of this part of Can-
ada will be greatly augmented, and
while we have no reason to anticipate
the descent of the enemy upon our coast,
it would be wise policy to be ready for
such a thing, if it should occur.

The Naval Reserve is the first and the
longest step towards securing safety for
our marine and for the western termini
of the Canadian railway system.

MR. HIGGINS' LETTER.

Mr. Higgins has taken an unfair ad-
vantage of our invitation to those who
remember the facts in connection with
the establishment of Responsible Gov-
ernment, in this province to furnish us
with a statement of them, for he seeks
to impugn the motives of the Colonist
in speaking of the matter. More than
this, he completely misstates the po-
sition of this paper, for he says that the
Colonist endeavored to establish that the
system is not in force here, while the
contrary is what was stated. We shall
not do Mr. Higgins the injustice to
suppose that he believes what he says
on this point. But since he has asked
what the object of the article was, we
may answer him with absolute frank-
ness. It was written for no other pur-
pose whatever than to show what Re-
sponsible Government means, and was
suggested by the speeches of Messrs.
Hoblin and Haultain, and it was
also to correct the very general impres-
sion that the Dominion government has
a right to interfere in the affairs of this
province.

Mr. Higgins is quite mistaken when
he says that the Constitutional Act es-
tablished the system referred to. The
Constitution Act does nothing of the
kind. Ministerial responsibility cannot
be found anywhere in that piece of leg-
islation, which does not even provide
that the members of the Executive
Council shall be members of the Legisla-
ture. But the Speech of Governor Mus-
grave foreshadowing such an enactment
as the preliminary step towards Re-
sponsible Government, followed by the
passage of the act itself, does most pos-
itively settle that British Columbia en-
tered Confederation with precisely the
same principles of government as the
other provinces.

Mr. Higgins speaks of the delay in
the Victoria election being contrary to
the Speaker's mandate. He should read
the law again. The Speaker does not
issue a mandate. He issues a warrant,
and a warrant is only an authority to
act, not an order to act. The government
cannot issue a warrant for an election in
the case of a vacancy occurring after
the election of a Speaker without his
authority, but when they shall hold it
rests entirely with themselves. As an
authority on Responsible Government,
Mr. Higgins surely ought to know this.
The law is just the same in the Dom-
inion, and there, as the Times showed
last night, fourteen vacancies have ex-
isted for varying periods, some of them
dating from shortly after the close of
the last session of Parliament. As to
the vacancies in the Executive Coun-
cil, Mr. Higgins knows as well as any
one else that for permitting these to
exist the ministry is responsible to the
legislature and must be prepared to de-
fend its action to that body, and that
this is all there is to be said about it,
from the constitutional point of view.

THE SUBSIDY SEEKERS.

In Sunday morning's Colonist the full
text of the plaintiff's affidavit in the
matter of the Grand Forks and Kettle
River Railway vs. the V. V. & E. rail-
way was printed. Upon this affidavit
an interim injunction was granted
against the V. V. & E. railway, re-
straining them from crossing the lands
of the plaintiff company. The conten-
tion of the latter is that that portion
of railway building in British Colum-
bia by the Great Northern is not a part
of the V. V. & E. and that that company's
charter is being illegally used to enable
the Great Northern railway to com-
plete their branch from Marcus on the
line of the Spokane and Northern to Re-
public. A glance at a map of West
Kootenay and Southeast Yale shows to
what extent the railway will benefit
British Columbia, and a perusal of James
N. Hill's affidavit will demonstrate
how little the interests of this province
occupied his attention. Other branches
to Phoenix and Grand Forks and to
Midway are also to be built under the
V. V. & E. charter, request for permis-
sion to do so now being before the Rail-
way committee at Ottawa, but is being
withheld pending the final result of the
injunction proceedings. It is almost un-
necessary to remark that the Great
Northern do not ask for subsidies from
the Dominion or Province to enable
them to construct this important and
vital line. Under the circumstances
they would not have the audacity to do
so. It is different with some "patriotic"
Canadians, who are not averse to ex-
ploiting the public treasury for their
own financial advantage. Without the
dozen miles or so of railway from Cas-
cade to Carson within this province the
Washington and Great Northern rail-
way could not obtain access to the Re-
public mines. With spurs to Phoenix and
other points in the Boundary district
it will reach the rich ore-producing
sections. Having its through connection
completed in the State of Washington
by means of this vital 12 miles in this
province, and aided by the spurs to the
Boundary mining camps, Mr. Hill is
assured of profitable traffic for the
Great Northern, which will be in a
position to bring Republic and Bound-
ary ores to the American smelters for
treatment. To be convinced as to his
belief and intention in the matter it is
only necessary to peruse his affidavit
printed in Sunday's issue.

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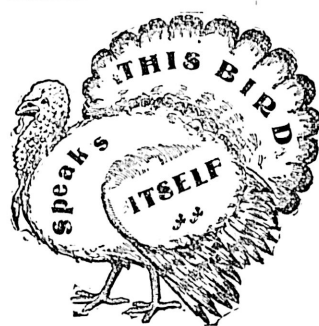
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claimed that the province has been seri-
ously injured through the failure of
the Dunsmuir government to accede to
Mr. Bodwell's terms for the building
of the two 30 mile sections of the V.
V. & E., one of the considerations be-
ing a subsidy of \$4,000 per mile. "The
public can now understand the anxiety
evidenced to force these terms from the
government. The arrangements of the
Great Northern for building the missing
link and the branches to Phoenix and
other points had already been made, and
if British Columbia could be held up
by the promoters of the V. V. & E., it would
have formed the basis for a handsome
dividend. The western 30 miles would
have been comprised chiefly of the rail-
way mileage necessary to carry out the
agreement for Great Northern connection
with the City of Victoria. The de-
mand made for a provincial subsidy for
this Western section is of the same au-
dacious character as the one for a sub-
sidy for the Eastern section. The in-
junction proceedings prove conclusively
that the whole scheme was simply an
endeavor to bluff the province out of
\$240,000. They also prove the claim of

the Premier that the government by
its refusal saved to the province this
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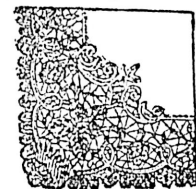
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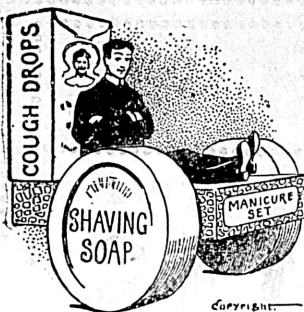
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LOCAL NEWS.

Ribs Broken.—Mr. Parsell, an employee of Messrs. Bissinger & Co., at the company's warehouses at the Outer docks, had four ribs broken by a fall yesterday.

Hunt Club.—The Victoria Hunt club will have two runs this week. On Thursday they will meet at Work Point barracks at 2:30 and on Saturday at Richardson street at the same hour.

Contract Awarded.—The contract has been awarded to Thomas Catterall, builder, for the extensive alterations and additions to the Dallas hotel, work to commence immediately and pushed rapidly to completion.

Another Building.—Mr. George Snider has been awarded the contract for the erection of a new store house at the naval yard at Esquimalt. The new building is to be of brick and will cost in the neighborhood of \$9,000.

Inventor Here.—Mr. D. D. Engert, the inventor and operator of one of the gold-finding instruments to be taken to Coos Bay, and Mr. Raab, an explorer, have arrived from Spokane to go on the Bakelley expedition, which is expected to start this week, after Christmas.

Christmas Tea.—The Emmanuel Baptist Sunday school will hold its Christmas tea and entertainment on Friday, December 27. The children meet at 5:30 and the entertainment will commence at 7 o'clock. Keep this evening free from any other engagement.

A Light Docket.—In the police court yesterday there was a short session. P. Hoffmeyer, a drunk, did not appear and his bail of \$10 was exonerated. The case of William Walker, charged with not supporting his family, was settled out of court. A Beecham, a hack driver, drove his hack home when drunk and then, at 2 o'clock in the morning, assaulted Mr. Winter. He charged with assault and furious driving. The case was remanded until the 26th.

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MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD

Trustees and Council of Public Instruction to Discuss Supt's Duties.

A special meeting of the Board of School Trustees was held last night with the chairman, Dr. Lewis Hall presiding, and Trustees R. L. Drury, Geo. Jay, J. G. Brown, A. Huggott and Mrs. Gordon Grant. A letter of resignation was received from W. H. May of the Boys' Central school, and accepted with regret. Miss Blake was appointed to fill the vacancy at a salary of \$340 per year. Miss Sprague wrote accepting a position on the teaching staff, to which she was appointed at the last meeting.

John Coughlin was awarded the contract for the supply of galvanized ventilating tubes, at the High school, at a cost of \$450. Other tenders were John Corbet, \$485; H. Cook, \$241; A. Bercher, \$1,091, and J. H. Walter, \$1,284.

Superintendent Eaton reported that 40 children of the Orphanage were attending Hillside avenue and North Waverley schools, scattered through various classes. If a teacher was placed at the home, some of the children would still have to attend the city schools. He did not favor a change from the present method, which would necessitate another teacher at North Ward.

Mrs. Grant was not in favor of having a teacher appointed to the home. She said that it was more in the interest of the children to attend the schools. If a teacher was appointed to that institution other similar establishments might apply for separate schools.

On motion of Trustee Jay the matter was deferred until the sub-committee of the board could meet the management of the Orphanage.

Acting Principal Campbell was voted an additional \$50 for services during his occupancy of the principalship of the North Ward school, and the returning officer was voted \$10 for services at the election.

Trustee Brown moved, seconded by Trustee Drury, that in the opinion of the Board of School Trustees of the City of Victoria, article 17 of the rules and regulations published in the School Manual, deprives the trustees of the management of the city schools, and vests the same in the City Superintendent, who is not responsible to the trustees who employ him, but to the Council of Public Instruction, thereby making that officer independent of the representatives of the people, and is subversive of responsible government. It is therefore moved that a deputation consisting of as many members of the board as can be present wait upon the Council of Public Instruction with the view of securing the repeal of the regulations as contained in article 17.

Trustee Brown said in speaking to his motion, that he believed the regulation was detrimental to the interests of the ratepayers and of the schools. No public body delegated its officials or experts in this way. The department had stolen a march on the board in framing this regulation, and the board should take steps to have it repealed.

Trustee Drury said the regulation was in contravention of the constitutional practice of governments. The trustees were the representatives of the people and were held responsible for the administration of the schools. The superintendent should be advisory to the board, not the board advisory to him.

Trustees Jay, Mrs. Grant and Huggott concurred, and spoke on similar lines.

The motion was carried and the chairman was instructed to arrange a meeting between the trustees and the Council of Public Instruction at the earliest convenience.

The question of teachers salaries will be taken up at the next meeting to be held on Saturday night.

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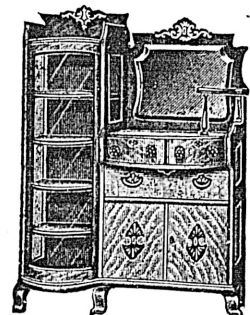
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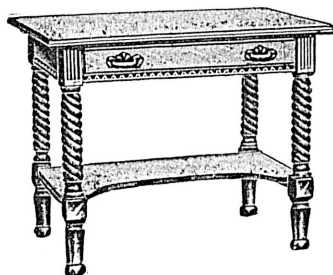
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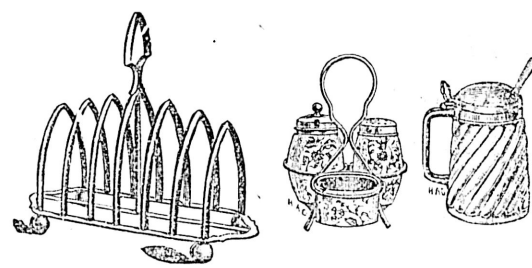


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YUKON GOLD IN UNITED STATES

A return has been made showing the business transacted by the United States assay office at Seattle since its establishment in July, 1898, which is well worth studying. In 1898 the deposits at this institution amounted to \$7,012.77. In 1899, the aggregate deposits for the year increased to \$81,010.30 ounces, valued at \$12,971,879.20. In 1900 the business transacted through this office showed a further falling off, 235,000 ounces of gold, to the enormous value of \$22,038,795.70, having been purchased from miners. To October 31 of the present year, when the office closed, the total value of the deposits, though still sufficiently considerable, representing the respectable sum of \$14,184,356, there is a decrease for the first time consequent, of course, on the establishment of the Dominion assay office at Vancouver although much of the gold assayed by the Canadian office is afterwards sold to the mint at San Francisco, and passes through the hands of the Seattle institution. Of the great quantity of gold melted at Seattle during the last year, the equivalent of 1,345,000 ounces of gold, less a sum than \$54,873,235.51, very nearly 80 per cent, originated from the British Yukon and British Columbia. The totals in full are made up as follows: From Nome, Alaska (U.S.A.), \$7,012.77; from the Yukon, \$1,124,422; from the Canadian office, \$1,526,089.87; and from the state of Washington, \$800,991.28; or from all American sources a total of \$8,464,513.92; while the Yukon alone contributed to the total return \$43,707,584.69 and British Columbia, \$2,244,538.40. Even with the present by no means perfect arrangement effected by the Dominion authorities for the purchase and handling of the gold produced from the Yukon, much of the desired object has been accomplished, as the above figures demonstrate, for the decrease in the business of the Seattle mint is not, of course, due to a falling off in the Yukon gold yield, which, as is well known is greater in the aggregate this year than last. But surely this very circumstance serves to emphasize Canadian slackness in the past, which allowed three years to elapse ere adopting measures to check American encroachments on preserves that were strictly our own.

YIMR DIVIDENDS.

The fourth dividend for 1901 has just been paid by the Yimr Mines, Ltd., making the total distribution during the year \$192,000. That the profits are being well maintained is indicated by the fact that the last returns made of monthly profits are in excess of those of any previous month. It is expected that the new cyanide plant will be in operation in about two months' time, when the monthly output will be increased by about \$5,000. Up to date the rich ore recently encountered in the No. 4 level has not been drawn upon.

THE NEW FAIRVIEW CORPORATION.

As a number of people in Victoria hold shares in this undertaking, they will doubtless be gratified to learn that prospects at the mine continue to improve. A correspondent informs us that the mill is now crushing on ore from the workings and the returns are said to be most satisfactory. In crossing the vein at the 200-foot level, the ore body was found to have greatly increased in width while values are being well maintained. The new discovery may alter the company's plan of working and render feasible the adoption of the cyanide system for all ore, which will greatly decrease costs by doing away with the necessity for timbering. Ore is now being chiefly taken from the second level.

ROSSLAND STRIKE SITUATION.

There is apparently now actual cause to conclude that the Rossland strike is, at any rate for the meantime, at an end, the employers in this instance having won their point. The other day the executive board of the Rossland Miners' Union issued the following ultimatum: "Notice is hereby given that all employees to the strike order of July 21, 1901, at the War Eagle and the Centre Star mines are removed after this date, and the strike applies to all classes of labor employed in or about those mines, including engineers, pumpmen, watchmen, firemen, etc." This order was absolutely disregarded, the men having very wisely decided to remain at work, for, as one of the directors stated, all the men employed in the mines having earned last month an average of \$208 for 26 days' work, there was little inducement to idleness. In the same manner the 50 men employed on the Centre Star refused, with one exception, to obey the mandate of the executive board.

LEAD SMELTING AND THE MINING INDUSTRY.

Mr. J. Roderick Robertson has written an interesting letter to the Nelson Tribune comparing the conditions of the British Columbia lead mining industry this year with those existing at the close of 1900. After assuming for the purpose of argument, that the cost of mining, taxation, etc., are approximately the same as formerly, he proceeds to deal with the subject of smelting rates and lead price, as follows: On December 15, 1900, the smelters made settlements at the rate of \$2.75 1/2 per 100 pounds of lead, and for silver at 64 cents per ounce. This year settlements were made on the 4th of December at a rate for lead of \$1.37 2-3 per 100 pounds, and for silver at 64 cents per ounce. On the 11th of December, instant, lead was settled for at a rate of \$1.32 1/2 per 100 pounds, and silver at 5 1/2 per ounce; whereas on the 14th of December, instant, the basis for settlement for lead was \$1.27 per 100 pounds, and for silver 55 cents per ounce. Upon the above basis a ton of silver-lead ore carrying 25 per cent. of lead and 60 ounces silver would have netted from the smelter on the 15th December, 1900, for lead, 500 pounds, less smelter deduction of 10 per cent., which leaves 450 pounds, at \$2.75 1/2 per 100 pounds, equals \$12.39 1/2; and for silver, 60 ounces, less smelter deduction of 5 per cent., which leaves 57 ounces, at 64 cents, equals \$36.48, or a total of \$48.87 1/2 per ton out of which would have to be paid the cost of supplies, powder, superintendence, labor for mining and also for development, before the stockholders obtain a dividend. On the basis of smelter settlements at

250 pounds of silver-lead ore carrying 25 per cent. of lead and 60 ounces silver, would net, before all deductions for powder, etc., an above average \$31.35, lead \$5.75 1/2, or a total of \$37.10 1/2, making a difference in the net returns from smelters for silver-lead ore of the above grade of \$11.81 1/2 per ton between the prices paid one year ago and those prevailing at present. From this it would appear that we are receiving today less than one-half for our lead than at this time last year and nearly one-sixth less for our silver.

In view of the above, and the fact of the government offer of \$5 a ton bonus, this year to lead refineries, and a reduction in the freight and treatment rates of at least \$5 a ton, would be some tonnage to the present shippers of lead ore to continue under adverse circumstances of the markets.

The life of a mine is somewhat like the life of a patient; its profits have to be made during the period in which ore can be taken out, and if production is continued at very low profits, it may mean the exhaustion of the life of a mine before even the cost of purchase and expenditure on milling machinery have been repaid.

In cases of ores with a high percentage of lead, the losses are proportionately greater than would appear from the above basis of 25 per cent. lead. The cost of the tribine, counting on this communication, suggests further that government should adjust the imports duty on lead and lead products, by raising the charge to 25 per cent., which, he adds, would enable the Canadian lead miner to market half his product in Canada at prices that would net him an increase of \$7.50 per ton on the aggregate production of the country. But it is doubtful whether such an expedient would assist the miner, as it would merely tend to create a trust among Canadian lead purchasers, and the added cost of manufactured lead would come directly out of the pockets of consumers. The subject, however, is an extremely intricate and complex one and cannot therefore be summarily treated or dismissed in a mere paragraph. It is meanwhile interesting and gratifying to learn, as I do from a letter from a well-informed correspondent in today's paper, that the Hall Mining & Smelting company are even now endeavoring to solve the problem and find a way of reducing the present smelting charge to British Columbia miners.

PROSPECTIVE RESUMPTION OF OPERATIONS AT THE ATHABASCA.

It is announced that steps are now being taken for the reorganization of the Athabasca mine, and that the prospects are good for an early resumption of work. It is said that the present position of affairs is the direct result of the failure to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion with respect to the deal for the absorption of the Venus property. When these negotiations fell through the English shareholders in the company proposed a reorganization of the Athabasca property alone, but differences cropped up between them and the Canadian shareholders, the Canadians viewing with little apprehension the proposed heavy assessment upon their stock which was contemplated. The action of the Canadian shareholders in securing an order from the courts for the winding up of the company has brought matters to a head, and it is now said that within the course of the next few days arrangements will have been concluded which will permit of the inclusion of the Venus as well as the Exchequer properties in the reorganization scheme. Meanwhile, according to Mr. Nelson, the reorganization of the mine for profitable working is better than at any previous time, the vein being now much more uniform and regular, while the plant is in excellent working order.

WHITEWATER MINES.

The report of the directors of the Whitewater Mines, Ltd., for 1901 submitted to the meeting on the 14th inst., states that a profit of \$3,339 has been made during the year. This amount has been arrived at after charging against the year's work all expenses, brought forward from previous accounts, as well as \$3,897, which amount represents the whole cost of the year's development work, less \$1,000 carried forward. In consequence of the miners' strike it was not possible to resume working operations until the latter part of February, 1900; the returns therefore shown in the accounts are the result of the 10 months' work. The company's engineer reports that at the 31st December, 1900, the ore reserves in the mine approximated to 40,500 tons, of an estimated gross value of over \$50,000. On the 12th December, an interim dividend at the rate of 60 per share was paid, which absorbed \$2,125, thus leaving a balance of \$24 to be carried forward. At the end of the year 1900 the company received notice from the American smelters, who had hitherto been the purchasers of the mine's product, that they would not renew their contracts during the present year, and although the mine was in a satisfactory condition for continuing its operations, this action temporarily deprived the company of a market for its produce. Operations, however, continued at the mine and mill for the first two months of this year, but on 1st March the mill was stopped, and only development work carried on until the end of April, when the mine was practically shut down pending the solution of the smelter question. A new contract for the sale of the mine's product was entered into in July on more favorable terms than those previously existing, and in the following month the mill restarted and has continued to work since that time. Owing to the existing low price of silver and lead it is expected that the profit on the present operations will be small, but it is impossible to say what the margin of profit will be until the result is actually demonstrated by a few months' work. In the meantime the utmost economy in all directions, consistent with efficiency, is being exercised and it is satisfactory to learn from Mr. Fowler's report that there has been little or no loss of mining operations at a cost considerably reduced as compared with previous periods. Moreover, now that the Dominion government have granted a bonus for the purpose of encouraging the establishment of silver lead refineries in Canada, and as the latest advice point to the early erection of a local refinery, it is hoped that the company will in a short time obtain better terms for the sale of its product.

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" 'Yo' am er dude, yo' am, I began, contemptuously. 'Yo' done come 'round here an' try t' let de folks know dat yo' am livin' on easy street.'
" 'Don't yo' fink, man, dat dem horses a-gwine t' run fo' yo' in de snow dis winter. Yo' am t' no steel rod. Yo' kin git broke.'
" 'Say, nigger, do yo' see dat chair yonder by dat stove? Take me advice an' go 'way back an' sit down, an' wen yo' git dere stay dere an' don't come back no more. Fink dat. Understand, honey?'
"Smithy did go 'way back and sit down and was not heard of the rest of the night. Al Johns, a colored musician, who was present, thought the phrase was unique and the next day he told Elmer Bowman, a negro song writer, about it.
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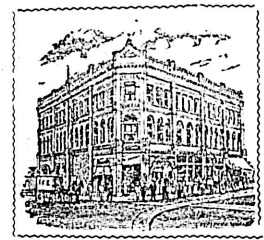
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